

**BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE NEBRASKA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, ON ITS  
OWN MOTION, SEEKING TO ESTABLISH  
A LONG-TERM UNIVERSAL SERVICE  
FUNDING MECHANISM

APPLICATION NO. NUSF-26

**QWEST'S RESPONSIVE COMMENTS TO MARCH 18, 2004 ORDER SEEKING  
COMMENTS ON DATA SET**

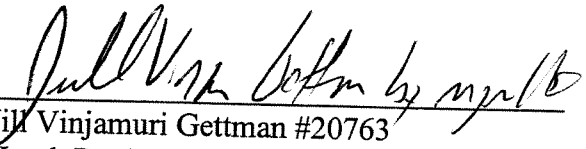
Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") submits the following comments to the Commission's March 18, 2004 Order seeking comments on the data set as follows:

1. Comments to the data set provided by the Commission are difficult to formulate because the sources for the values in the data set are unknown. Most values appear reasonable but cannot be verified without knowing the source; for example, was population obtained from 2000 census block details? Without this source information, Qwest reserves the right to supplement or amend its comments, and to make further requests for changes.
2. Population rollups are higher than expected in some communities; Alliance at 10,932 is higher than expected.
3. The data set may suffer from an apparent assumption that only one carrier serves each community. More than one carrier provides service in nearly all communities.
4. Some recently added communities appear to need in town and out of town breakdowns, for example, Nickerson, Inglewood, and Leshara.
5. Electronic maps should not be considered official source material.

Respectfully submitted on April 16, 2004.

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